

CLAIMS

1. An on-line system for providing imaging services comprising:
client-ware running on a web-enabled imaging device for submitting
requests for imaging services available on an on-line imaging services site;
5 said device including a user profile containing information associated with
said imaging services.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein said information contained in the user
profile includes identifying information.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein said information contained in the user
profile further includes preferences for the available services.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the services on-line imaging site
15 includes server-ware for servicing the requests submitted by the client-ware for
imaging services.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein the server-ware services a request
submitted by the client-ware based on information included in the user profile.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein the client-ware transfers one or more
images to the server-ware.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein the client-ware submits a request for
25 said one or more images to be published on-line in accordance with information
contained in the user profile.

8. The system of claim 6 wherein the client-ware submits a request for
said one or more images to be printed in accordance with information contained in
30 the user profile.

9. The system of claim 6 wherein the client-ware submits a request for said one or more images to be electronically forwarded to one or more recipients in accordance with information contained in the user profile.

5 10. The system of claim 1 wherein the user profile is partly stored on the on-line imaging services site.

11. A user profile stored in a web-ready imaging device, for accessing digital imaging services available on an on-line digital imaging services site.

10 12. The user profile of claim 11 comprising information identifying the on-line digital imaging services site.

13. The user profile of claim 11 comprising account information for authenticating against the on-line digital imaging services site.

15 14. The user profile of claim 13 wherein the account information includes unique identification information for uniquely identifying a user account on the on-line digital imaging services site.

20 15. The user profile of claim 11 comprising user preference information regarding the manner of publishing one or more images on the on-line digital imaging services site.

25 16. The user profile of claim 11 comprising user preference information regarding printing one or more images uploaded to the on-line digital imaging services site.

30 17. The user profile of claim 11 comprising user preference information regarding electronically forwarding one or more images uploaded to the on-line digital imaging services site to one or more recipients.

18. A method of providing on-line imaging services in a system comprising a digital imaging services site and web-enabled imaging device including a user profile, said method comprising:

5 connecting the web-enabled imaging device directly to an Internet service provider;

establishing a connection between the imaging services site designated in the user profile and the device;

10 submitting a request generated by the device for imaging services to the digital imaging services site;

examining the user profile for information pertaining to the submitted request at the imaging services site, in response to said request; and

15 providing one or more imaging services in accordance with the submitted request and information included in the user profile.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

submitting identifying information included in the user profile to the imaging services site to access digital imaging services available on the imaging services site;

20 receiving permission to access the available digital imaging services in response to submitting identifying information; and

transferring one or more images stored in the web-enabled imaging device to the imaging services site.

25 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the submitted request by the web-enabled imaging device is to store said one or more transferred images in an on-line location in accordance with information included in the user profile.